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We are all so focused on the Supreme Court's decision about the legality of the Health Care Mandate. Is that decision going to really change the onslaught of more regulations, more entitlements and the diminishing power of the private practice physician. Aren't we already going head-on down the road to a Single-Payer system or at the very least a Healthcare system increasingly controlled by insurers and the government at large ?

It seems like we could avert all this change if we stood tall and stop training PA/CNP's and the like. We need to retain our autonomy by not joining ACOs or other insurance/hospital organizations. And don't allow others to dictate to us that we need to accept poor or irregular payers or that we must sign-on to Medicare or Medicaid to maintain our state licensure. We do have the power of "NO" and we need to exercise it when appropriate, no matter how painful it is to do so in the short-term.

What is so wrong with the system we have where 80% of us have insurance ?The promise of insurance for all is fools gold and will cost us dearly as a society and will threatened our financial health as physicians. We can not provide for every person and make them all whole. What we can do is try to be as fair and as compassionate that we can be by providing a safety net and charity care to supplement that. If we try to be everything to everybody we will all go down that collective drain together.



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Even the NP's and PA's cannot survive in solo practices with all of the regulations, so they will be consumed by the incorporated hospitals and insurance company owned mega clinics. They are by nature (and training) not independent or abstract thinkers (most), and will be good little robots. Those physicians who chose to be part of that incorporation will obviously not be in charge of their departments, the corporations and government have decided that nurses and PA's are better leaders and will follow mandates to the tee so they need to be in charge of the "cat herd". The CMS (note earlier posting) will now pay for nurses to obtain hospital residency like training, but they cut physician training. How much does it take to get physicians pissed off enough to do something about it, or are too damned busy with our own little "universe" to give a crap?

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"Truckmasters", where is that number? I think I might need it.

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You're so happy that 80% of people have health insurance. Hey, what about the 20% who don't? What's wrong with insuring them, assuming physician payments are reasonable. The 20% who don't may end up in ER's that cost society more and end up paying the hospital and doctors NOTHING. The thing that scares you about Obamacare is NOT that the extra 20% of people with get medical insurance (you should be happy about that--get more paying customers) but that the rate of payment will be too low. THAT'S where you should focus your energy....

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I would suggest that throwing out the mandate, but keeping the right for sick people to buy insurance will quickly lead to a single payer system as private insurance enters a death spiral.

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If you have a one payer system, and the one payer decides to lower the payments, what ya gonna do...????

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The insurance companies will get a taste of what we have dealt with for years. It will not be sustainable.

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